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Whereunto is annexed Tarquatus Vandermers *seauen yeres study* in the arte of Magick, vpon the twelue moneths of the yeare, where many secrets are reuealed vnto the world.

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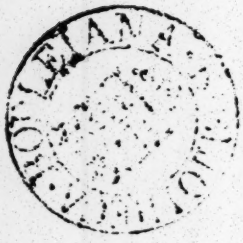

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OXford and Cambridge, VVittenberge and Padua, you glorious Vniuersities of Christendome, take truce for a season vvith your deepe inspiring sciences, and vouchsafe to fixe your inienious iudgements vppon ths rare and vvonderfull Prophesie, calculated by the famous and excellent Doctor in Astrologie, Master Iohn Cypriano Astronomer vnder the Emperour of Christendome, agreeable to the iudgments of Iames Marchesellus, and Sinnior Guiuardo, tvvo learned Clarkes in Germany, the like vvas neuer published in anie age, for the angry heauens by fearefull visions, foredooming Commets, and strange coniunction of Planets dooth prognosticate to this synfull vvorld, the alteration of kingdomes, fall of Princes, ouerthrovv of comman vvealths, desolation of countries, the ruine of Citties, Tovvnes, and Villages, earthquakes, flouds, and mighty tempests, vvherby the vvhole vvorld vvil be greatly anoyde, also by the variable course of the ellements, all nations vnder the cercute of the sunne, vvil be grieuously vexed vvith bloudie vvarres, famine, death, scarsitie, vvith many other

ſtrange and fearefull accidents, aswell in Europe as in Affrica and Aſia, al vvhich is for our vvickedneſſe and ſynnes, vvherein the vvhole earth is drovvned as in a gulfe, paſt all recouerie, except the maieſty of God be mercifull: to auoide the manifolde miſeries that is likely to fall vpon the face of the earth: and our learned Aſtrologiſions hath published this fearefull and vvonderfull Propheſie to mooue vs to apenitent life, that God may vvithhold his grieuous ſcorge from vs Myſtically ſet dovvne, for a Glaſſe or example to them that vnderſtand and are vviſe to looke into and for a diſdaine and reproofe to them that are bolish, as hereafter follovveth.

In the Northen borders of the earth, is ſcituated a Forreſt trianglevvile, inuironed vvith a vvall of Braſſe, from vvhich forreſt shall flie a fortunate foule that shall ſvvim euen to the borders of Affrica, and there light vpon a golden Tree, from vvhence shee shall pull three branches of gold, and ſo triumphantly returne backe to the Forreſt againe: at vvhich there shall an Eagle that builds her neſt vpon a golden ſteeple ſo much repine, and ſend foorth many ſecret fiers to burne and vvaſte the ſaid Forreſt, but euery one shal be quenched and quite extinguiſhed before the blaze

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be kindled. Many Princes of the earth shall seeke by pollicy to hunt therein, but at the gates thereof shall take a great repulse : so fortunate and frutefull shall this Forrest be, and so inuincible her towers of brasse, that all the kingdomes of the earth shall admire her fortitude, and grace her with the title of that blessed Paradice, which God gaue Adam at the worlds creation. After this the Sea shall be mightier then the land, for there the corners of the world shall meete and fight a tirrible battell; wherein a mightie man shall be ouer throwne.

In the West shall lurke a bloudie Serpent in a Denne, which hath not seene the light these many yeares, but yet this bloudie Serpent shall haue many stings, which shall stretche into all the corners of Europe, & be annoyance to the whole state of Christendome : Then from the Northe shall come a Dragon, that shall breake out the Serpents teeth, and pluck foorth his stings that he shall neither bite nor sting, yet shall the Serpent keepe his Den, and receiue succour from the Eagle in the golden steeple.

In the South shall liue a Wolfe vpon the commons bloud, and quaffe downe townes into his thirstie throate but in the middest of this bloudie banquet shall he choake himselfe and die.

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Out of the East shall come a dismall blacke Dogge, that like a theefe by night shall enter Germanie in vvhich enterprise he shall loose one of his limbes, and so depart vvith such an yeelping sound, at vvhich the limmets of Affrica and Asia shall quake. This Dogge shall aftervvard forsake his maister, and choose him a nevv name, vvhereby the Scriptures shall be fulfilled. This Dog doth signifie the Turke, vvhich shall forsake his Mahomet, and choose to him the name of Christian, vvhich is a signe the day of doombe is at hand, vvhen all the earth is subiect to one God.

The Flovver de Luce and France, shall liue long at varience, but at length agree.

The bovvels of Spaine shall be split in sunder, and deuided for vvant of gouernment, euen in those dayes vvhen the golden steeple shal be consumed vvith fire euen that seauen headed citie, novv more brauer then Ierusalem shall be a place more desolate then Ierusalem. Then shall the cleare vvord spring foorth and florish through the vvorld, vvhich neuer shall be taken from vs again, after this a milke vvhite Doue shal be lifted vp to honour by tvvo golden Lions, and receaue a crovvne of gould.

But after all these things shall the end of the vvorld approch, therefore shall there be heauie and pittifull dayes vvith much vvarres and other alterations of the vvorld, all vvhich is likely to ensue this yeare follovving.

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Tarquatus Vandermers, ſeauen yeares ſtudie in the Arte of Magicke, vpon the twelue moneths of the yeare: wherein many ſecrets are reueald vnto the world.

IANVARIE.
1596.

In the moneth of Ianuarie, the angrie heauens doe foretell, vpon that land where moſt ſin and wicked-

neſſe dooth abound, ſhall raigne a ſhovver of bloud continuing for the ſpace of an houre, vvhich dooth prognoſticate the deſtruction of that vnhappie region.

FEBRVARIE.

In February, rumours of vvars ſhall fill the eares of all nations, euery kingdom vnder the frame of heauen ſhall muſter vvell approoued ſouldiers: traffick by ſea ſhall be denied betvvixt land & land, and euery countrey ſhall be forſt to liue vpon his ovvne.

MARCHE.

In Marche, the maſne Seas ſhall bee ſo troubled vvith mighty tempeſts and vvindes, that they ſhall ſvvell aboue their bankes, and ouerflovve an Iſland vvhere the double croſſe hath gouernment, onely becauſe the ſinnes of the Prince is ſo hainous before the Maieſtie of God.

APRILL.

In Aprill ſhall happen ſuch a terrible battell on the ſea, vvhereby the vvater vvill be turned to the couler of bloud, more ſanguinlike then is the redde ſeas: God

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for his mercy turn it to the beſt, and defend our innocent and ſpotleſſe bloud of England.

MAYE.

In Maye the earth ſhall bee ouer burthend vvith bloudie vvarres, and ſome nations ſhall furnish forth ſo many ſouldiers, vvhereby the land ſhall be ſo deſolate of men, that ſeauen vvomen ſhall bee conſtrained to followv one man.

IVNE.

In Iune, a prouince in the Eaſterne climbes: ſhall fight in the defence of a vvrongful cauſe, at vvhich the Maieſtie of God vvill threaten vengeance, and raine dovvne fire from the throne of heauen, and ſo burne theſe vvicked people in their tents of vvarre.

IVLIE.

In Iuly, the vveather vvill be ſo extreame hoate, vvhereby Souldiers ſhall not bee able to vveare their armour, and likevviſe multitudes ſhall die for vvant of vvater, the earth ſhall be ſo parcht vvith heate that it can yeelde no foode for Cattell.

AVGVST.

In Auguſt, ſuch a grieuous plague and mortallitie vvill couer the face of the vvhole earth, that there ſhall not be ſufficient left aliue to gaither in their harueſt fruites, in vvhich moneth ſhall come out of the Eaſt ſuch ſvvarmes of Foules and Flyes, that vvill deuoure the corne from the ground, and vvhere they goe, leaue the earth barren: Oh times of ſorrovv: oh times of vvoes, oh times of more diſtreſſe then vvas that time of famine in Ieruſalem: you horders vp of Corne, repent, repent your crueltie againſt the poore, for your extreame couetouſneſſe the vvhole earth vvill be accurſt: yet God I hope vvill heare the praiers of the faithfull, and defend his nevv Ieruſalem from ſuch diſtreſſe.

SEPTEMBER.

In September the earth vvill be ſo vnnaturall, that all manner of Cattell vvill rotte aboue the ground; vvhereof vvill breede ſuch ſtore of varmin, that the earth vvill be impoyſoned, and vvill receaue no fruite to encreaſe.

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OCTOBER.

In October, ſuch a famine and darth of Corne vvil raigne, that in ſome countries the Childe vvill ſterue vvhileſt it is ſucking at the mothers breſt, onely becauſe the mother can get no food to nourish her ſelfe nor it.

NOVEMBER.

In Nouember, a triumphant conqueſt ſhall be bruted through the vvorld, of án vvorthie conquerour that takes a truce vvith all the earth, and ſets it in a quiet ſtaye.

DECEMBER.

In December all vvarres ſhall ende, religion preached truely through the vvorld, all thinges vnited vp in peace, treaſons and rebellions neuer thought vpon: thus all things brought to paſſe, vvill come that happie time the bleſſed ſoules in heauen doe continually pray for.

THerefore England caſt of thy cloake of ſinne, thy vveedes of vvickedneſſe: no doubt but God for his elect and choſen ſake, vvill ſpare this happie Iland,

vvhere his Gospell is truely preached : and let this Propheſie be fulfilled vppon thoſe misbeleeuing nations, that make a ſcorne of thy moſt bleſſed vvorde, and Lorde vve beſeech thee bridle vp the Turke, that rageth againſt the happie ſtate of Iſraell, confound the popish Antichriſt, vvith his confederate the King of Spaine, vvith al the reſidue of Englands enemies, that intends the ouerthrovv of the nevv Ieruſalem, that vve may ſing all holy, holy, holy, to the mightie God of Iſraell:

Amen.

FINIS.

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